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## NEW COORDINATOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

The Nova Scotia Provincial Library is pleased to announce that Bridget Turner has been appointed as Technical Services Coordinator as of November 20 1995. Bridget brings to this position a solid background of experience in systems design for user-friendly access to many types of bibliographic information systems. Most recently she was involved with the production of the Canadian Federal Environmental Assessment Index in multiple formats (CD-ROM; the Internet; Web - the Canadian environmental communication network). Bridget has a Master's degree in Library Science from Dalhousie University and she is pleased to be returning to Nova Scotia where she has previously worked as Chief Librarian for the International Centre for Ocean Development in Halifax until its closure in 1992. We welcome Bridget to this position, as she joins the Provincial Library management team in furthering the evolution of the NcompasS System and providing access to information to the residents of Nova Scotia.

## 1995 DIRECTORY OF NS LIBRARIES NOW AVAILABLE

The 1995 edition of the Directory of Nova Scotia Libraries, the most current and comprehensive listing of libraries and related institutions in Nova Scotia, is now available from the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. This publication has been completely updated and expanded to include more Nova Scotia libraries and associations. The directory is available in print form and on floppy disk (in either 3.5" or 5.25" size, and in various versions of WordPerfect - 4.2, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2 and 6.0). Copies of the directory may be purchased for $10.00 each by contacting Judy Naugler by phone at (902) 424-2454 or by e-mail at jnaugler@nshpl.library.ns.ca - remember to indicate whether you want a print copy or a diskette (if diskette, specify which version of WP you require).

## MUNICIPAL COUNCILLORS DEBATE LIBRARY RESOLUTIONS

The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities annual conference was held the week of October 10 in Yarmouth where two resolutions regarding libraries were debated. Resolution 6A proposed that the UNSM urge the provincial government to pay full cost of libraries and library services, since libraries are part of the provincial system of education. However, some municipalities felt that such a takeover

would lead to the loss of local input and control and the resolution was defeated. Resolution 7A proposed that the UNSM should maintain its position against universal municipal participation in Regional Library Boards, which was recommended in the recent Libraries Funding Review. This was also defeated. Although some municipal representatives did not like the idea of being required to participate, councillors involved with libraries spoke strongly about the benefits of a comprehensiveness province-wide system. One of the sessions at the conference on the Chebucto Community Net led by Bernie Hart and David Trueman outlined the opportunities provided by a local community net. The Community Access Project was also promoted.

## FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP

Andrea John recently attended a fundraising workshop offered by a company called Navion. The workshop was very thorough and a great variety of fundraising methods were covered: major gifts, capital campaigns, bequests, direct marketing, special events, telemarketing, etc. The workshop also focused on how to prepare a fundraising plan, how to manage a fundraising board, and how to manage an annual appeal as well as a planned giving program.

As you can see, one of the themes of the workshop is that fundraising requires a lot of planning. Proportionately, only a small amount of time is devoted to actually asking for money. Most of the process of fundraising is spent on planning what you want to do, and then planning your strategy. You have to know what you are going to do with the money before you go out to ask for it because donors should know exactly why they're giving and what their money will do.

## UNIVERSAL AND AFFORDABLE ACCESS

Many recommendations in the Final Report of the Information Highway Advisory Council are of great importance to libraries. For example, recommendation 13.9 states that: "The CRTC should establish a tariff policy for affordable access to networks and essential services on the Information Highway, taking into consideration the unique circumstances and needs of rural and remote areas, persons with disabilities, and public services such as education, libraries and health care". If you support this recommendation, you are urged to contact the Hon. John Manley, Minister of Industry Canada to voice your opinion. On the WWW, the report is found at "http://info.ic.gc.ca/info-highway/final.report/eng/". Print copies can also be obtained from the Provincial Library by contacting Debbie Ross (dross@nshpl.library.ns.ca).

## VIRTUAL CANADIAN UNION CATALOGUE

On October 12, the National Library of Canada hosted a meeting to discuss a proposal for a virtual Canadian union catalogue. Participants included representatives of library software vendors (GEAC, Dynix, Ameritech, DRA, MultiLIS, Best Seller, OCLC and ISM); library consortia/networks (NEOS, Novanet, OCATT, Saskatchewan Provincial Library and NcompasS); National Library staff and other interested institutions and groups (CALUPL, CPOOUL, CISTI, OCUL, CREPUQ and CFL). All

participants were given an opportunity to outline their Z39.50 plans, and as expected some are quite advanced in terms of implementation while others are still planning.

The National Library then presented the Virtual Canadian Union Catalogue Proposal. The goals of the proposal are: 1) To develop a plan for the implementation of the virtual Canadian union catalogue; 2) To test the feasibility of linking union catalogues through the implementation of Z39.50; and 3) To develop and adopt an implementor's agreement for the exchange of union catalogue information in Canada. The National Library is actively seeking partners, who have or are planning to implement Z39.50 software, to test the proposal. Participants will be asked to provide input on technical and policy issues and participate in the review of various issues papers prepared by the National Library, as well as offer advice on the scope of testing and contribute to the development of the implementors agreement and an implementation plan. The project will be considered complete when a virtual Canadian union catalogue plan is completed, at least 2 catalogues have been successfully linked and an implementor's agreement has been developed and adopted.

Actions resulting from the meeting will see the National Library creating a virtual union catalogue listserv and revising the documents on holdings information and coding. These documents, along with a list of related issues, will be posted on the National Library's WWW page for libraries to comment on (http://www.nlc-bnc.ca). The National Library will poll participants to see who is willing to work on which issues, the aim being to have proposals ready for a follow-up meeting next June at CLA. Contact Betsy Armstrong (earmstro@nshpl.library.ns.ca) for more information about this meeting.

## NOVA SCOTIA UNION CATALOGUE STUDY

The Terms of Reference for this long awaited study will be going out to the Public Tenders Office by mid-November for advertising. Within the next three months, we should have a planning process in place to begin the creation of a virtual union catalogue of Nova Scotia holdings as our contribution to the Virtual Canadian Union Catalogue. This study will also involve designing a pilot implementation for Nova Scotia government library holdings of the Department of the Environment Library.

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Persons from Novanet Consortium, Nova Scotia Provincial Library and on behalf of the amalgamated Metro libraries presented an outline of their respective projects to this high profile legislative committee on October 19, 1995. Following the presentations, questions were plentiful and centred on issues such as copyright, school housed public libraries and "One Place to Look" information resources. Some MLA's were particularly interested to hear about the Community Access Project and may even have followed up with a proposal from their community.

## NSLA CONFERENCE REPORT

Several staff members of the Provincial Library attended the NSLA Annual Conference in Truro,

October 13-15. The conference, hosted by the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, was a very enjoyable one with sessions on current issues of importance to libraries. The AGM (part one) and the wine and cheese reception were held on Friday evening at the Headquarters of the CEH Regional Library where some wonderful homemade treats were served. Saturday got off to an early start with the the opening remarks given by the Hon. John MacEachern, Minister of Education followed by the Keynote Address given by Michael Jeffrey, of Learning Resources and Technology. Sessions on Saturday included R.L. Stine and Censorship, a Budge Wilson author reading, Legal Liability in the Library, and Freenets: the Sequel, among many others.

The social event on Saturday night was a big success with every hep cat in Truro attending. The beatnik theme brought black turtlenecks and berets out of every closet for miles, Daddy-O! After enjoying a terrific meal, we were treated to the talents of a young jazz band, a folk- singing/poetry-reading trio, as well as other "hep" entertainers. Sunday brought more sessions and the second part of the AGM. The conference was officially adjourned after the AGM and the participants headed back to their respective regions of Nova Scotia. Participating staff of the Provincial Library would like to extend a big "Thank You" to the staff of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library for their warm hospitality and their fine baking! -- Sue Dirani

## TEE'S AND SWEATS STILL AVAILABLE

Those ever-popular "Be a Readasaurus/Soyez Lectursaure" t-shirts and sweatshirts are still available for those of you who are trying to think of the perfect Christmas present. The t-shirts, made of 100% cotton, are available in Adult sizes Large and Xlarge while the sweatshirts are available in Youth sizes Small (6-8), Medium (10-12) and Large (14-16) and Adult sizes Large and Xlarge. The tee's are $10 each and the sweats are $15 each. Send your orders (specifying size requirements) along with your payment to Sue Dirani, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3K 4X8. Make cheques payable to the Minister of Finance. If the size you require is sold out, your payment will be returned in full.

## NEW POSITION - FRENCH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Duties: Under the general supervision of the Coordinator, User Services, this librarian is responsible for coordinating and improving the quality of French language library services in Nova Scotia regional public libraries. This position has been created to develop French language library services across Nova Scotia to Acadian and Francophone populations. Priorities for the incumbent will include: liaison and partnership building with relevant community organizations and networks; building an information network in French; providing leadership on province-wide initiatives; providing consultation on French language reference, programming, collection development and children's services; providing advice to regional libraries on promotion of services to French speaking populations. Qualifications: MLS or equivalent from an accredited library school; superior written and oral abilities in French and English; knowledge of Francophone and Acadian culture, community and literature; 2 years related experience. Location: Western Counties Regional Library (Yarmouth, Nova Scotia) or Eastern Counties Regional

Library (Mulgrave, Nova Scotia) with frequent travel around the province. Salary: Librarian II: $ 35,814.22 - 43,454.58 Term: This is a one year term position available immediately; renewal for another 12 month period is possible. Please submit a resume and a list of 3 references to: Andrea John, Coordinator, User Services, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax NS, B3K 4X8; FAX (902) 424-0633; e-mail - ajohn@nshpl.library.ns.ca. Applications must be received by November 21, 1995. A job description and goals for the position are available upon request.

## DEDICATED TERMINAL AVAILABLE

For the convenience of users of the Provincial Library's Professional Collection, we have installed a dedicated PC which is directly connected to the NcompasS database. This will allow visitors to the Provincial Library's Professional Collection direct access to our holdings, as well as the holdings of the regional public libraries. We have also set up study areas. We welcome users to drop in and take advantage of these new facilities.

## TOURS 'R US!

Have YOU had a tour of the Provincial Library yet? Many libraries and organizations have visited us to learn more about our operations and services. We welcome all interested groups! Most recently, we hosted a tour for students from the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies. For more information or to book a tour, contact Andrea John (ajohn@nshpl.library.ns.ca) at (902) 424-2481.

## AUTOMATION WORKING GROUP MEETING

An Automation Working Group meeting was held October 27. As expected, discussion centered around regional library automation and how the working group can share information and ideas between meetings. Public accesss terminals have been or are being distributed in most sites connected to the WAN this past summer. Due to technical difficulties, like wiring and branch relocations, several sites will not be accessible immediately. Public and staff reaction to the public access terminals has been very positive and they are in steady use.

Other topics included collection categories for collection rotation, elements required for a patron database, how to get started building a patron database and deleting item records from NcompasS. It was agreed that regional library staff, after appropriate training, will delete item records for withdrawn materials except when it is the last item record for a particular bibliographic record. In this case the item status will be changed to "withdrawn". Provincial Library's Technical Services staff will determine when to appropriately delete the bibliographic records.

## PROFESSIONAL READING

Please submit an ILL request if you wish to borrow any items mentioned in this column.

1) CD-ROM in Libraries: Management Issues. Edited by Terry Hanson and Joan Day. Bowker-Saur, 1994. (Call # Prof 025 .179 CD-R)

- The principle focus of this book is on the management issues of CD- ROM in libraries as opposed to the technological aspects. It contains a mixture of overviews and case studies, the purpose being to present a general theoretical treatment of the topic. The author identifies the main issues, trends and developments in recent years so as to allow the reader to gain the perspective with which to examine the accompanying case studies.

2) Canadian Book Review Annual. Canadian Children's Literature. Toronto: Canadian Book Review Annual, 1994. (Call # 028.5 Can)

- CBRA's Children's Literature presents original reviews, in 150-300 words, of children's books that were published in Canada in 1994. All reviewed books were written, illustrated, edited and/or translated by Canadians. The book reviews have been organized into subject sections and then arranged alphabetically by author's name.

We remind our readers in Nova Scotia libraries to continue sending in recommendations for new materials in the Professional Collection. We really need your suggestions in helping to provide a useful and relevant collection of literature related to library and information science. Send your recommendations to Frank Oram (foram@nshpl.library.ns.ca). You can view the collection policy on our Web site at http://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/profli.html.

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